

Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) today announced that, according to the California Employment Development Department (EDD), Orange County added approximately 4,600 jobs, continuing a three-month trend of job growth in the county. Orange County's unemployment rate remained at 9.6%, which is nearly three points less than California's unemployment rate of 12.4%.

"We should all be very encouraged by the news that Orange County's economy is on the road to full recovery," Rep. Sanchez said. "Businesses both small and large are starting to shake off the dust and debris of this recession and hire again. It is especially good news to see that many of the jobs being added are in the private sector. It shows that we're making real progress in our fight to get our local economy back on track.

"It's important to note that we are definitely not out of the woods yet, and a 9.6% unemployment rate is nowhere near acceptable. This news tells us that there is still a lot of work to do, but we're also making progress.

"I have always supported genuine job creating legislation in Congress. That's why I enthusiastically supported the recently signed Small Business Jobs Act, which vastly increased access to capital and created significant tax relief for small businesses. I supported the America COMPETES Act, which strengthened loan guarantees for cutting edge technology firms and provided other incentives to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship. And I continue to support the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which invested over \$386 billion to create and save thousands of jobs in my district."